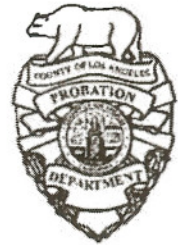




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October 7, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Donald H. Blevins, Chief
Probation Department

**SUBJECT: LOVING LIFE GROUP HOMES I & II CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
MONITORING REVIEW**

We have completed a review of Loving Life Group Homes I & II operated by You Are The Difference Foundation, Inc. The Group Home contracts with the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

Loving Life Group Homes has two (2) six-bed facilities located in Compton, CA and Los Angeles, CA. This agency has a Residential Care Level (RCL) rate of 10 and provides care for boy's ages 12-17 years who exhibit behavioral, emotional, and psychological difficulties. At the time of the monitoring review, Loving Life Group Homes I & II were providing services for twelve (12) Probation youth.

The Loving Life Group Homes I and II is located in the Second District.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The purpose of our review is to determine whether the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. In addition, the review covers basic child safety and licensing issues and includes an evaluation of the Agency's Program Statement, internal policies and procedures, child case records, a facility inspection and interviews with children placed in the Group Home at the time of the review. Interviews with children are designed to obtain their perspectives on the program services provided by the Agency and to ensure adherence to the Foster Youth Bill of Rights.

The Loving Life Group Homes I and II is located in the Second District.

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SUMMARY

Generally, the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. Although there are minor deficiencies that require action, there are no egregious deficiencies that would require an intensive corrective action plan. The residents appear to be safe living in the Group Home, and all child and staff records appear to be in order.

NOTABLE FINDINGS

The following are the notable findings of our review:

Loving Life I:

- The stove at the Compton facility was in need of adjustment of the front burner and oven door.
- The tile in the front bathroom at the Compton facility was in need of caulking around the bathtub.
- The knob on the second bedroom door required tightening.
- The front bedroom of the Compton facility was in need of painting.
- There were several minor physical deficiencies cited in the Group Home that required repair or correction as described in the Facility and Environment section of the Monitoring Review Summary.

Loving Life II:

- The outside of the Los Angeles facility required water-blasting and minor painting on the front of the house and front porch.
- The rain gutters in the front section of the facility were worn and in need of replacing.
- The rear stairs in the back of the facility were loose and required tightening.
- The interior baseboards in the living room of the facility were loose and required securing and caulking.
- The molding in the dining room required painting.
- Two shrubs in the front section of the Los Angeles facility had fungus and required removal.

EXIT CONFERENCE

In attendance:

Alena Cindy Giardina, Deputy Probation Officer/Monitor
Ms. Billie Woods, Executive Director
Ms. Alice Brown, Quality Assurance Director

HIGHLIGHTS

The Exit Conference was conducted on October 5, 2010. The representatives present were in agreement with the findings of the review. The deficiencies were addressed at the time of the exit conference. The Group Home agreed to have the cited physical deficiencies in each of the facilities corrected in a timely manner. A follow-up visit will be conducted to ensure that all deficiencies have been corrected.

If you need additional information or have any questions or concerns, please contact Director, Lisa Campbell-Motton, Placement Permanency and Quality Assurance at (323) 240-2435.

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Attachments

- c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
- Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
- Brence Culp, Chief Deputy
- Wendy Watanabe, Auditor-Controller
- Public Information Office
- Audit Committee
- Jean Chen, Community Care Licensing
- Jackie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Deputies
- Justice Deputies
- Billie Woods-Bean, Executive Director, Loving Life Group Homes I & II

**LOVING LIFE GROUP HOMES I & II PROGRAM CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
MONITORING REVIEW- SUMMARY**

	Contract Compliance Monitoring Review	Findings: Month/Year
I	<u>Licensure/Contract Requirements</u> (9 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timely Notification for Child's Relocation 2. Stabilization to Prevent Removal of Child 3. Transportation 4. SIRs 5. Compliance with Licensed Capacity 6. Disaster Drills Conducted 7. Disaster Drill Logs Maintenance 8. Runaway Procedures 9. Allowance Logs 	Full Compliance (All)
II	<u>Program Services</u> (7 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Population Consistent with Program Statement 2. Probation Caseworker Authorization to Implement NSPs 3. Children's Participation in the Development of NSPs 4. NSPs Implemented and Discussed with Staff 5. Therapeutic Services Received 6. Recommendation Assessments/Evaluations Implemented 7. Probation Caseworkers Monthly Contact Documented 	Full Compliance (All)
III	<u>Facility and Environment</u> (6 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exterior Well Maintained 2. Common Areas Maintained 3. Children's Bedrooms/Interior Maintained 4. Sufficient Recreational Equipment 5. Sufficient Educational Resources 6. Adequate Perishable and Non Perishable Food 	1.Improvement needed 2.Improvement needed 3.Full Compliance 4.Full Compliance 5.Full Compliance 6.Full Compliance
IV	<u>Educational and Emancipation Services</u> (4 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emancipation/Vocational Programs Provided 2. ILP and Emancipation Planning 3. Current IEPs Maintained 4. Current Report Cards Maintained 	Full Compliance (All)
V	<u>Recreation and Activities</u> (3 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation in Recreational Activity Planning 2. Participation in Recreational Activities 3. Participation in Extra-Curricular, Enrichment and Social Activities. 	Full Compliance (All)
VI	<u>Children's Health-Related Services (including Psychotropic Medications)</u> (9 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Court Authorization for Administration of Psychotropic Medication 2. Current Psychiatric Evaluation/Review 	Full Compliance (All)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Medication Logs 4. Initial Medical Exams Conducted 5. Initial Medical Exams Timely 6. Follow-Up Medical Exams Timely 7. Initial Dental Exams 8. Initial Dental Exams Timely 9. Follow-Up Dental Exams Timely 	
VII	<u>Personal Rights</u> (11 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children Informed of Home's Policies and Procedures 2. Children Feel Safe 3. Satisfaction with Meals and Snacks 4. Staff Treatment of Children with Respect and Dignity 5. Appropriate Rewards and Discipline System 6. Children Free to Receive or Reject Voluntary Medical, Dental and Psychiatric Care 7. Children Allowed Private Visits, Calls and Correspondence. 8. Children Free to Attend Religious Services/Activities 9. Reasonable Chores 10. Children Informed about Psychotropic Medication 11. Children Aware of Right to Refuse Psychotropic Medication 	Full Compliance (All)
VIII	<u>Children's Clothing and Allowance</u> (8 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$50.00 Clothing Allowance 2. Adequate Quantity Clothing Inventory 3. Adequate Quality Clothing Inventory 4. Involvement in Selection of Clothing 5. Provision of Personal Care Items 6. Minimum Monetary Allowances 7. Management of Allowance 8. Encouragement and Assistance with Life Book 	Full Compliance (All)
IX	<u>Personal Records (including Staff Qualifications, Staffing Ratios, Criminal Clearances and Training)</u> (12 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education/ Experience Requirement 2. Criminal Fingerprint Cards Timely Submitted 3. CAIs Timely Submitted 4. Signed Criminal Background Statement Timely 5. Employee Health Screening Timely 6. Valid Driver's Licenses 7. Signed Copies of GH Policies and Procedures 8. Initial Training Documentation 9. CPR Training Documentation 10. First Aid Training Documentation 11. On Going Training Documentation 12. Emergency Intervention Training Documentation 	Full Compliance (All)